

IN THE CLAIMS

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39. (new) A business context layer for an operating system where business context further comprises attributes selected from the group consisting of a supply chain status, a customer order status, a development status, an element of value contribution by segment of value, an external factor impact by element and segment of value, a risk impact by element and segment of value and combinations thereof.

40. (new) The layer of claim 39 where an operating system is selected from the group consisting of a web services platform, a network operating system, a portal, middleware or a hardware operating system.

41. (new) The layer of claim 39 where a business context layer contains information defining a market value matrix package for an enterprise or multi-enterprise organization.

42. (new) The layer of claim 39 where a business context layer contains information defining a subset of a market value matrix package for an enterprise or multi-enterprise organization.

43. (new) The layer of claim 39 that enables access by authorized users by using a security protocol selected from the group consisting of IPSEC and Kerberos.

44. (new) The layer of claim 39 that operates continuously.

45. (new) The layer of claim 39 where a business context layer contains information for one or more frames.

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46. (new) The layer of claim 45 where one or more frames are selected from the group consisting of partner frames, vendor frames, internal user frames and combinations thereof.

47. (new) The layer of claim 39 where an element of value is selected from the group consisting of alliances, brands, channels, content, customers, customer relationships, employees, employee relationships, information technology, intellectual property, knowledge, partnerships, processes, production equipment, products, technology, vendors, vendor relationships and combinations thereof.

48. (new) The layer of claim 39 where an external factor is selected from the group consisting of numerical indicators of conditions external to the organization, numerical indications of prices external to the organization, numerical indications of organization conditions compared to external expectations of organization condition, numerical indications of the organization performance compared to external expectations of organization performance and combinations thereof.

49. (new) The layer of claim 39 where a risks is selected from the group consisting of event risk, factor variability risk, element variability risk, market variability risk, strategic risk, contingent liabilities and combinations thereof.

50. (new) A business context apparatus, comprising:
a market value matrix package,
a plurality of enterprise management systems,
means for obtaining data from the market value matrix package and enterprise management systems, and
means for securely providing a portion of the data as required to define a business context via one or more operating system layers or a web services environment.

51 (new). The apparatus of claim 50 where a business context further comprises attributes selected from the group consisting of a supply chain status, a customer order status, a development status, an element of value contribution by segment of value, an external factor impact by element and segment of value, a risk impact by element and segment of value and combinations thereof.

52. (new) The apparatus of claim 50 where one or more operating system layers are selected from the group consisting of one or more network operating system layers, one or more portal layers, one or more middleware layers or one or more hardware operating system layers.

53. (new) The apparatus of claim 50 where a business context layer contains information defining a market value matrix package for an enterprise or multi-enterprise organization.

54. (new) The apparatus of claim 50 where a business context layer contains information defining a subset of a market value matrix package for an enterprise or multi-enterprise organization.

55. (new) The apparatus of claim 50 that enables access by authorized users by using a security protocol selected from the group consisting of IPSEC and Kerberos.

56. (new) The apparatus of claim 50 that operates continuously.

57. (new) The apparatus of claim 50 where a business context layer contains information for one or more frames.

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63. (new) The apparatus of claim 50 where an enterprise is a single product, a group of products, a division, an entire company, a multi company corporation, a value chain or a collaboration.

64. (new) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform method steps for performing a business context, comprising:

- obtaining data from a market value matrix package and a plurality of enterprise management systems, and
- providing a portion of the data as required to define a business context via one or more operating system layers or a web services environment.

65. (new). The program storage device of claim 64 where a business context further comprises attributes selected from the group consisting of a supply chain status, a customer order status, a development status, an element of value contribution by segment of value, an external factor impact by element and segment of value, a risk impact by element and segment of value and combinations thereof.

66. (new) The program storage device of claim 64 where one or more operating system layers are selected from the group consisting of one or more network operating system layers, one or more portal layers, one or more middleware layers or one or more hardware operating system layers.

67. (new) The program storage device of claim 64 where a business context layer contains information defining a market value matrix package for an enterprise or multi-enterprise organization.

68. (new) The program storage device of claim 64 where a business context layer contains information defining a subset of a market value matrix package for an enterprise or multi-enterprise organization.

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